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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, UY
SUBJ: JEWISH ARRESTS

REF: STATE 122886

1. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER A VISIT TO URUGUAYAN PRISONERS OF JEWISH DESCENT BY RABBI ROSENTHAL AND OTHERS OF THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE WOULD BE FEASIBLE UNTIL MATTER IS DISCUSSED WITH GOU AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF SEVERAL RECENT STATEMENTS BY HIGH-LEVEL GOU OFFICIALS ENCOURAGING VISITS WHICH WOULD GIVE AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF URUGUAYAN REALITY, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THE VISIT PROPOSED BY RABBI ROSENTHAL SHOULD BE PURSUED DESPITE FACT THAT VISITS OF TYPE MENTIONED WERE NOT INTENDED, WE BELIEVE, TO INCLUDE AS SPECIFIC A PROPOSAL AS THAT MADE BY RABBI ROSENTHAL.

2. THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT IT SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE PROPER OFFICIAL AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY (FOREIGN POLICY DIRECTOR ALVAREZ) TO EXPLAIN THE NATURE OF THE CONTEMPLATED VISIT AND TO REQUEST THAT THE MINISTRY EITHER ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS OR SUGGEST THE PROPER AUTHORITIES TO WHOM SUCH A REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE ON BEHALF OF A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION.

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3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE AN APPROACH TO CASTIGLIONI WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THE PRISONERS PRESUMABLY ARE STILL IN THE HANDS OF THE PREFECTURA NAVAL, A MILITARY ENTITY WITH WHICH CASTIGLIONI, A POLICE OFFICIAL, HAS NEITHER RESPONSIBILITY NOR JURISDICTION. ALSO, SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD ALMOST INEVITABLY LEAD TO DISCLOSURE OF THE FACT THAT THE ISRAELI AMBASSADOR HAD TOLD US OF HIS (CASTIGLIONI'S) RMHE OR HAD

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OTHERWISE INFORMED US OF WHAT MUST BE CONSIDERED A CONFI-
DENTIAL MATTER. CASTIGLIONI PROBABLY WAS INSTRUCTED BY
OTHERS TO SEE AMBASSADOR OFRI BECAUSE OF CLOSE POLICE
LIAISON WITH ISRAELIS HERE.

4. IT SHALL BE RECOGNIZED THAT OUR PROPOSAL TO PROCEED
VIA THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH RABBI ROSENTHAL'S REQUEST
RUNS COUNTER TO ANNOUNCED GOU POLICY AGAINST INSPECTION
FROM ABROAD BY NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS.
NO MATTER HOW CAST, THIS IN EFFECT IS WHAT OUR REQUEST
AMOUNTS TO. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS POLICY CAN BE CONSTRUED
AS CONFLICTING WITH RECENT CALLS FOR VISITS AS MENTIONED,
AND DESPITE SENSITIVITIES INVOLVED, WE ARE PREPARED TO PRO-
CEED USING THIS AS CASE TO TEST GOU INTENTIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE
TO PROCEED AS PROPOSED PARA TWO.
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